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THE third annual Small Business Saturday takes place this weekend (December 5) giving small traders the chance to put themselves in the shop window just in time for the festive season. The campaign, backed by the council, encourages communities to support their local small businesses at a key time in the commercial calendar.

The day is a further boost for local shoppers and businesses who are taking advantage of the newly launched Greenwich One Card.

The One Card is the council's gift to small businesses to help them attract customers throughout the year. It also gives holders a chance to cash in on a range of savings and discounts from participating businesses and also offers an all-in-one access to leisure and library services.

Cllr Sizwe James, the council's cabinet member for business, enterprise and skills said: "Small Business Saturday is back in the borough for a third year providing a well-timed boost to businesses just as local people start their Christmas shopping. If you are a small business, this is a great opportunity to get involved and increase your profile locally.

"The council recognises the hard work and determination of the people who start, run, work and support local businesses and is committed to helping them wherever possible. We have also recently launched our brand new Greenwich One Card to ensure residents get the best deals when shopping locally and local businesses further enjoy the support of the local community."

For further info on the Greenwich One Card, visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/onecard

Small businesses who want to make the most of Small Business Saturday can access a toolkit on the Small Business Saturday website at www.smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com

You can see the full list of participating businesses at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/onecard



The Barrier Animal Care Clinic, Charlton

THE Barrier Animal Care Clinic is a veterinary service based in Eastmoor Place, Charlton. The clinic offers a range of deals for card holders including 50 per cent off first visit to see the vet and ten per cent off vaccinations for cats, dogs and rabbits.

Practice manager Vicky Corcoran,

said:
"The Greenwich One Card enables local businesses to give something back to loyal customers. We wanted to offer a Greenwich One Card deal to reward local clients with discounts that will benefit themselves and their pets.

"Barrier Animal Care Clinic is a well established veterinary practice based in Charlton. Our friendly team see a variety of small animals from dogs and cats, through to more exotic species such as birds and reptiles. We offer a range of services and seasonal promotions, and our helpful staff will help you provide the best care for your pet."



Debonair Hair Studio, Abbey Wood

Debonair Hair Studio is a friendly and welcoming salon based in Abbey Wood. Laura Willmot of Debonair said: "We signed up to the Greenwich One Card to give our existing and new clients a reward for using our services.

We are offering a 10 per cent discount when receiving a cut and blow drying service. The offer is open to all residents Monday and Wednesday. We hope that joining the scheme will allow us and the local community to show support for each other as they can support us and we can reward them with an offer."



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Small businesses



Coton & Hamblin Optometrists, Blackheath

Coton & Hamblin Optometrists was established in 1904 and there has been an optometrist at the Blackheath Standard practice since the 1950s.

They also have a branch in Woolwich. Joanna Cashell, managing director said: "We offer an independent professional eye care service to the local community with an emphasis on clinical care. We invest in the latest technology to examine the eyes and embrace the advances in spectacle lens design to provide a highly personalised and individual service to our patients. Our Lens Club Loyalty Scheme allows all patients to receive standard lenses (worth £65) free of charge when purchasing new spectacle frames and to be kept up to date with any special events and promotions. Card holders are eligible to join the Lens Club Loyalty scheme when purchasing new spectacle frames.

Being part of the community and offering a valuable service to our patients is at the very heart of what we do and we would highly recommend residents to shop local to keep all small businesses on the high streets."



The Village Pharmacy, Charlton

The Village Pharmacy in Charlton dispenses prescriptions and offers blood pressure checks and advice on medicine as part of its services. Chamaine Patel said: "As a local independent pharmacy, I feel we should focus on inviting our local residents into the shop and show them how local businesses really care for the community. We signed up to the Greenwich One Card scheme to entice local residents into the pharmacy to see what we are about and to experience the personalised service and advice we offer. Customers can benefit from the support and service we provide, and as a bonus, save money with the discount offered to card holders. We offer a 5 per cent discount to card holders on all spends over £10." (Exclusions are NHS/private prescription charges & any baby products)



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Festive snacks bag the crowds

FATHER Christmas handed out goody bags with delicious treats from local companies at the lights on event in Greenwich town centre last week.

The treats included: a bar of fairtrade chocolate bar, a packet of children's confectionary, a packet of mixed berry dried fruit and a carton of pure apple juice courtesy of Waitrose plus a gingerbread cookie specially made by Paul Rhodes Bakery and an inflatable globe individually wrapped thanks to the Mercure hotel.

Greenwich mayor Norman Adams was joined by Santa as he turned on the Christmas tree lights and there was magical entertainment in Cutty Sark Gardens and a chance for new Greenwich One Card holders to nab some great deals on their Christmas shopping.

This year's event had a Victorian theme, with audiences wowed by spectacular trapeze and acrobatic acts. Visitors also had the chance to go on traditional fairground rides including a Victorian

galloper.

A series of musical performances from local acts entertained the crowds, and festive characters including elves, fairies and Dickensian characters like the Artful Dodger strolled through the streets to the delight of visitors of all ages.

Cllr Miranda Williams, the council's cabinet member for culture and creative industries said: "Greenwich is such a great place to visit especially at Christmas time and the fun packed events at Cutty Sark Gardens had something for everyone. It also proved a great chance for locals to use their new Greenwich One Cards to get a great deal on their Christmas shopping and support local businesses. Our next Christmas event is the Woolwich Winter Warmer on December 5 when there will be more fun and more offers for residents young and old. I encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the celebrations."



TREE-MENDOUS: The Mayor joins Cllr O'Mara, Cllr Williams and local children to switch on the Christmas Tree lights in Greenwich

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safely for Christmas**

Advice for shoppers - p10&11



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THE council's ambitions to establish Royal Greenwich as a 'smart city' and bring the latest digital technology into everyday life have come a step closer.

A company based in the borough's innovation centre on Greenwich Peninsula has been showing its latest futuristic project – a driverless automated delivery cart that can make deliveries direct to people's homes.

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STARSHIP TROOPER: Cllr Sizwe James and Denise Hyland learn more about the automated cart from Starship director Lembit Opik

Key services protected in face of budget cuts

THE COUNCIL has launched a strategic plan to deal with a multi million pound cut to its budget.

The cut is part of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement which means the royal borough is expected to lose around £53m from its budgets over the next three years.

In a bid to protect frontline services, the cabinet agreed a Medium Term Financial Strategy which will set out its spending priorities over the next three years.

The strategy outlines four areas of action to help achieve the necessary savings while maintaining key services:

- workforce savings - reducing staff costs by £20m per year through restructuring and voluntary redundancy
- transforming adult social care - changes to services to be reviewed with people who use those services.
- boosting growth and investment - attracting new businesses to the borough to create job opportunities making them less dependent on welfare while also bringing in greater levels of business rates.
- improving general housekeeping - council departments to look at reducing costs such as enabling more transactions online which are more

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Third Friday of the month, 11am Coldharbour Neighbourhood Office, Library Entrance, William Barefoot Drive, SE9 3BT
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Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am, Shrewsbury House, Bushmoor Crescent, SE18 3EG

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LETTERS

Please make a clean sweep of the leaves

IS there anything that can be done about leaves? I am writing on behalf of four pensioners and our walkway is constantly covered with leaves. We have had three years of this when they have never been cleared, and we are constantly sweeping them away from our front doors and it is a disgrace. Could you please look into this issue for us? Many thanks.

R.F Dunn, Charlton

● A council spokesperson said: "We have dedicated teams

working across the borough to clear leaves away and we are working hard to keep up with the volume of roads affected. Unfortunately this is a borough wide issue and due to the large amount of roads that need sweeping we do anticipate some delays. We would appreciate your patience whilst we continue to tackle this and please be assured that all available resources have been deployed to target this as effectively as possible."



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Co-ordinate road works

DURING the 35 years I have lived in Eltham, we have had utility companies excavating under the pavement.

This resulted in a mix of pavement that included tarmac, concrete and slabs of all sizes and descriptions. For the first time, the pavement is being replaced in full.

But we have recently learned that Thames Water is going to open up about 130 sections to install water meters. I thought that there was a plan in London, and if not there should be, whereby utility companies and local councils work together to minimise the inconvenience and cost to the public purse.

Mick Salvatore, Eltham

● A council spokesperson said: "Apologies for the inconvenience. This work is part of the council's £5m HILL project to improve over 100 roads. We do aim to co-ordinate road works to minimise disruption and this was the case where Thames Water recently completed repairs and the council followed with footway repaving works. However, during the first phase of these works we were not advised of Thames Water's meter programme so it wasn't possible to have both contractors on site together. Thames Water will now be required to replace the pavements to the same new standard and this will be monitored by the council."

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MOIRA ROWAN: 'I took this photograph outside my home in Abbeywood.'

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ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

December 3 - Children and young people scrutiny panel, 7pm, committee room 6

December 7 - Health & Wellbeing Board, 2pm, committee rooms 4&5

Avery Hill & Coldharbour local

housing panel, 7pm, Avery Hill Christian Fellowship Hall, South Spring, Sidcup

December 8 - Licensing sub committee B, 6pm, committee room 6

Planning Board, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

West Greenwich local housing panel,

7pm, Jubilee Hall, Blissett Street

December 9 - Cabinet, 5pm, committee rooms 4&5, Town Hall, Wellington Street

Woolwich Riverside local housing panel, 7pm, Town Hall, Wellington Street

December 10 - Children's Trust Board, 9.30 am, committee room 5

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

Horticultural skills centre takes root



GREEN fingered residents can grow new careers in gardening thanks to the council's investment in a new horticultural skills centre which opened last week.

The Royal Borough Horticultural Skills Centre is based on a former council parks depot on Shooters Hill and was officially opened by the Royal Borough of Greenwich, in partnership with Hadlow College.

The centre has a teaching room, IT suite, polytunnel and workshop where students can learn how to handle heavy equipment used in horticulture, such as chainsaws and heavy duty cutting equipment. The centre is run by the Kent-based land college and is designed to help locals gain the skills and

experience to carve out new careers in gardening and landscaping. The new skills centre complements the Equestrian Skills Centre, opened by HRH The Princess Royal, in December 2013.

Opening the new skills centre, Cllr Sizwe James, the council's cabinet member for business, employment and skills, said: "Tackling poverty and helping our residents gain new skills and qualifications so that they can find work, or change careers, is a key priority for the council. This new horticultural centre will have the specialist teaching that will enable residents to gain new skills that they can either use just for their own pleasure, or as a stepping stone to greater things. Our ambition is that that many will use their training

here to go on to a new career in horticulture. I look forward to coming back in the coming months to hear about individual success stories and to see the centre flourishing."

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, Hadlow College group director of finance & resources added: "Hadlow College has an established and strong relationship with Greenwich Council. We are delighted that we will be helping local people to learn new horticultural skills, by offering vocational and higher education learning that supports them into employment within the growing horticulture sector."

● **More about courses at Hadlow at hadlow.ac.uk and search for courses.**



OPEN DOOR: Cllr Sizwe James opens the new centre with college director Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, inset, he meets students

Store safe after inspection

THE 99p store in Eltham High Street has been fined a total of £23,566, including costs, after pleading guilty to selling food that had been nibbled by mice.

Magistrates at Bexley heard that royal borough environmental health officers who had carried out a routine inspection found mouse droppings on shelves and a storeroom floor. Food products had been gnawed and nesting material was discovered. The mice had gnawed holes in the floor, giving them easy access around the premises. There were also smear and grease marks left by the mice running over the same areas.

Officers also found gnawed biscuits and cakes on the shelves, droppings and puddles of mouse urine. They ordered the store to close, and not reopen until the rodent infestation was controlled, the premises pest-proofed and thoroughly cleaned and

disinfected. This work was carried out and the shop has now reopened. It has been revisited and inspected several times since, with no further action needed.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety and environment, said: "Our officers work tirelessly with local businesses to provide advice and support, but we will not hesitate to take enforcement action where this advice is ignored or if the public are exposed to serious risks. I hope this case sends out a strong message that unsafe food cannot be sold within the royal borough."

The council gives a food hygiene rating to all food retailers when they are inspected and the rating should also be displayed clearly on the premises.

Customers can check what rating a business has been given at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/foodhygiene

Sign up to learn more about fostering

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10am for a 10:15 start to 12pm

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Auto cart trials start in royal borough Services protected from budget cuts

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Council members had a preview of how the robot works during a demonstration at Woolwich Town Hall last Tuesday (November 24) by its developers, Starship Technologies.

The Estonian-based company located in the borough because of the council's commitment to using advanced technology to benefit residents and businesses. Starship is now in talks with

the council about hosting one of its two worldwide trials in Thamesmead next year.

Last week's demonstration showed how the robot works, and how it could revolutionise the home delivery market by transforming 'last mile' deliveries.

Council leader Denise Hyland said: "During the trial we'll be looking at how automated delivery robots can help remove delivery vehicles from the roads. This would improve safety, reduce congestion and improve air quality. There are also other possible applications, such as helping people with limited mobility."

During the

demonstration, councillors met Starship directors and former MP Lembit Opik, the company's UK representative. Mr Opik said: "Greenwich has a reputation for leading the world with pioneering technology and the council clearly appreciates the enormous benefits of the Starship vehicle."

The council's 'smart city' strategy is all about using the latest digital technologies to improve services, save time, energy and money and engage more efficiently with residents and businesses.

The borough's growing reputation as a technology hub is attracting new companies eager to take advantage of the advances in digital technologies. Starship Technologies is the latest company to join the council's innovation centre and joins more than 1,000 ICT businesses now operating in the borough.

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council to provide.

The strategy also includes measures to develop stronger partnerships with voluntary and community groups in the delivery of services and to develop further links between social care services, currently run by the council, and health care services which are offered by the NHS.

"We have a good track record for careful financial planning and over recent years this has proved the best way to protect services and to protect the people who rely on those services – particularly the most vulnerable in our community."

"The cuts imposed by central government create an extremely challenging pressure for local councils, and there is no disguising the fact that some services will need to change, or be reduced," said council leader Denise Hyland.

She added: "We've found that the best way of ensuring that our staff and residents know exactly where they stand, is to take most of the tough decisions early – and that's exactly what we plan to do now, with most savings in place for the start of the new financial year in April 2016. This approach is also the best way of ensuring stability in the services that we provide."



SMART CAR: a close up of the automated delivery cart

Work experience for bright sparks

A NEW scheme has been launched giving university students valuable work experience while helping local businesses and community organisations.

The University of Greenwich recognised its students could support companies and charities by using their skills and expertise at the same time as developing their own CVs.

Called Greenwich Bright, the initiative aims to match the students' specialisms with

the relevant business or organisation.

A spokeswoman said: "We have students who are highly skilled and ready to work. Providing them with the opportunity to work directly with local organisations will be of enormous benefit, both to the students and the organisations they work with."

● To find out more, email the team at bright@greenwich.ac.uk or visit www.greenwichbright.net

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Bullies beware, children learn how to deal with you

STUDENTS from four secondary schools ran workshops with primary school pupils to help them deal with bullying.

The one-day event at Charlton House took place during National Anti-bullying Week. One hundred and twenty children from seven primary schools worked with students from Thomas Tallis, Corelli College, Newhaven and Woolwich Polytechnic and council staff using role playing, drama and games to tackle the

problem.

The theme was 'Making a noise about bullying', so workshop sessions incorporated music, songs and games. There were also stalls run by local police cadets, school nurses and the council's Inclusion, Learning and Achievement team.

Asked what she should do if bullied, Rebecca, 10, said: "I would tell the school ambassadors, the school council and even the teachers."

And Holly, also 10, said: "I think you can stop bullying by being kind."

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "The theme of 'making a noise' about bullying is all about telling other people about what is going on. The event was a great opportunity for young people to talk about how to tackle bullying, with older students taking part as good role models for them."

New team of young councillors announced

ROYAL Greenwich has a new group of 21 young people to give a voice to other young people and represent their views.

They are the newly-elected Greenwich Young People's Council (GYPC), who will serve for two years, and aim to influence the council's decision-making to the advantage of the borough's younger people.

The results were announced at Woolwich Public Hall last Tuesday (November 24) after voting in 15 schools, colleges and youth hubs over three days. Just under 6,000 votes were cast – with a turnout of 49 per cent of those eligible to vote.

Nominations were open to young people aged 11–19, or up to 25 for disabled young people, and a total of 58 candidates put themselves forward for election. The young voters were able to support only candidates who went to their own school or youth hub.

Newly-elected youth councillor Ryan Dunkeley, 17, from Woolwich and a student at Greenwich UTC, said: "I intend to focus on employment for young people. A major problem these days is the struggle to find work. Hopefully I will be able to help organise more work experience for them with local firms."

Harley Bagnall-Taylor, 18, who represents Hawksmoor Youth Club in Thamesmead, said: "I want to get more youth clubs



EVERYTHING FOR THE YOUTH: newly elected youth council members with Cllr John Fahy and deputy mayor Cllr Olu Babatola

running and better access to them, as well as more sport facilities for people who are not able to travel."

The new youth councillors are expected to commit around four hours a week to represent other young people. They get the chance to make new friends, develop skills and gain experience, receive free training, coaching and mentoring, and go on trips both inside and outside the borough.

GYPC initiatives are designed to raise awareness and involve young people in politics, democracy

and citizenship. The council produces an annual manifesto and action plan, which focuses on the key issues affecting young people in Royal Greenwich.

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for children's services, presented the young councillors with their certificates. He said: "I very much hope that we can have the opportunity to work with the Youth Council to achieve their ambitions for young people. I hope that they will be at the heart of the decision-making process. I will work tirelessly with colleagues to ensure that their priorities and aspirations can be met."

● **More information about the youth council at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/gypc**



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For an application pack and to arrange a visit please contact Mandy Gillard, SAO on **020 8854 2691** or email sao@gallionsmount.greenwich.sch.uk, packs can also be downloaded from the school website www.gallions.net/jobs

Closing date: 17th December 2015 (midday)

Interviews: Week beginning 4th January 2016



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Closing date is 4 December 2015 at noon

Interviews will take place during w/c 7 December 2015



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Signs of a fun night out

FEELING THE BEAT: Kelsey Gordon mimes to a song, below, while mum Chelsea Wilkinson sign reads with her daughter Abbie. The book *What the Jackdaw Saw*, was written with input from young people at DeafStation



Unique club marks first birthday

A UNIQUE club which helps young people with hearing loss to get together, has just celebrated its first birthday.

'DeafStation', was set up especially for deaf children and is led by the young people themselves – who also came up with the name. Funded by the council, it meets at The Valley and is run by the Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT).

The club's first birthday was marked by a celebration party with songs, signed poetry, and stalls from deaf organisations and deaf-owned businesses which have supported the club.

The club has a strong music focus and young people play and enjoy music during sessions. They sign songs and have run dance sessions. Over the past year it has run workshops on healthy relationships and sexual health, cooking and healthy eating, and helped with CV writing and homework.

The club has three deaf youth workers, two qualified interpreters and a support worker.

Sign language interpreter Rachel Wilkins said: "The children plan the activities they want to do and direct the youth workers in what areas they would like support, empowering them to take control of their lives and achieve. DeafStation is a place where the young people can be around young people that share life experiences from a deaf

perspective. For some of the members DeafStation provides a place they can learn socialisation skills because for these young people, every day can be difficult. At DeafStation we aim to bridge those gaps through social activity and support."

● **For details on activities and services for young people with disabilities and their families contact the Families Information service on 020 8921 6921 or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/fis**



St. Cecilia's concert raises £400 for Rape Crisis charity

WOMEN musicians raised almost £400 for Rape Crisis England & Wales after a marathon open-mic performance at the Morden Arms, Greenwich, on November 22 – St Cecilia's Day, the patron saint of music and musicians. It was organised by Greenwich music teacher Jo Honey.

● **Make a donation to Rape Crisis at www.justgiving.com/Jo-Honey1**

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The Southeastern train company is helping to promote the 12 reserves by offering free guides and leaflets at selected stations.

They highlight some of the creatures that can be spotted along the walks such as woodpeckers and nuthatches in Oxleas Woodlands. Over in Sutcliffe Park, Eltham, visitors could be lucky enough to see

kingfishers and herons – and hear reed warblers singing in their reedbed home.

The Green Chain connects 300 parks and open spaces with a 50-mile network of footpaths.

● **To find out more about events, many of which are free, click on the What's On page of the website www.greenchain.com**

Grip meeting

Grip, the Greenwich Inclusion Project is hosting its annual general meeting tomorrow (Tuesday December 2) in the conference room on the 2nd floor Royal Sovereign House, Beresford Square, Woolwich, from 6.30pm. Confirm attendance by emailing info@gripproject.org.uk or call Afef on 020 3747 9862.

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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
ANGLESEA ROAD SE18**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to facilitate Thames Water to repair a water leak in the carriageway in Anglesea Road from the north kerb line of junction with Masons Hill to the rear of 1-9 Masons Hill. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Anglesea Road to the rear of 1-9 Masons Hill.
2. The above restrictions would only apply to such extent as shall be indicated by placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 9th December 2015 at 09:30pm and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be completed by 15th December 2015.
4. The traffic going southbound will be diverted via Anglesea Avenue, Willemont Street, Woolwich New Road and Sandy Hill Road to Crescent Road and back on route. The traffic going northbound will be diverted via Masons Hill, Willemont Street and Woolwich New Road. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, pedestrians are not affected and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.

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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
Downman Road and Airbroath Road**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to facilitate Thames Water utility to carry out sewer works in the carriageway in **Well Hall Road** encompassing the junctions of **Downman Road and Airbroath Road**. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) **Downman Road and Airbroath Road**.
2. The above restrictions would only apply to such extent as shall be indicated by placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 13th December 2015 at 09:30pm and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be completed within 3 days.
4. The traffic will be diverted for Downman Road via Dodson Road and back into Well Hall Road and vice versa, and for Airbroath Road via Dunstable Road back into Well Hall Road and vice versa. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, pedestrians are not affected and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5759.

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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
"WOOLWICH WINTER WARMER 2015"
BATHWAY AND POLYTECHNIC STREET
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS –
SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order to facilitate the staging of the "Woolwich Winter Warmer" event on **Saturday 5th December 2015**. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:
 - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in **Bathway**;
 - (b) prohibit vehicles from waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in **Polytechnic Street**, both sides, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Coldwood Street and the north-western kerb-line of Bathway; and
 - (c) suspend the one-way working in **Polytechnic Street**, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Coldwood Street and the south-eastern kerb-line of Bathway.
2. The above prohibitions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of appropriate traffic signs or as directed by a police constable in uniform.
3. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force affected vehicular traffic will be diverted via Market Street, Coldwood Street and Polytechnic Street.
4. The above prohibitions will not prevent essential vehicular access to premises only accessible via **Bathway**.

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Further information and application packs are available from the school website:
www.willowdene.greenwich.sch.uk

Closing date for application forms is : Wednesday 9th December 2015.

**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1) TEMPORARY ROAD
CLOSURE – AMPLEFORTH ROAD**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order for a road closure to facilitate UK Power to carry out works in the carriage way in **Harrow Manor Way**, at the junction with **Ampleforth Road**. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering and exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in **Ampleforth Road**.
2. The above restrictions would only apply to such extent as shall be indicated by placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order has come into force on 9th December 2015 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be completed by 17th December 2015.
4. The traffic will be diverted via Greengate Road, Sewell Road and vice versa, signage will be in place indicating diverting route. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, pedestrians are not affected and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.

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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
BRAND STREET SE10**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to facilitate Thames Water to carry out a connection for a new water supply in the carriageway opposite **25 Brand Street**. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in **Brand Street**.
2. The above restrictions would only apply to such extent as shall be indicated by placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 3rd December 2015 at 09:30pm and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be completed by 9th December 2015.
4. The traffic will be diverted via Royal Hill, Prior Street and Gosin Street, and vice versa. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, pedestrians are not affected and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6030.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
EDGEWORTH ROAD SE9**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to facilitate Thames Water utility to carry out service pipe repairs in the carriageway on **Edgeworth Road**. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) **Edgeworth Road** from outside 82 to 94.
2. The above restrictions would only apply to such extent as shall be indicated by placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 7th December 2015 at 09:30pm and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be completed by 11th December 2015.
4. The traffic will be diverted via Hatfield Road, Farnaby Road and Etham Green Road and vice versa. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, pedestrians are not affected and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5759.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –
WESTERN WAY**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to facilitate Cisionian Site Service to carry out works in the carriage way, to erect a telecommunication mast. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in **Western Way** at the junction with **Battery Road eastbound**.
2. The above restrictions would only apply to such extent as shall be indicated by placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. The Order would come into force on 2nd December 2015 and would continue in force for up to 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner, however the works are expected to be complete within a day.
4. The traffic will be diverted via the off slip road towards Battery Road and then back into Western Way eastbound. Whilst the prohibitions remain in force, pedestrians are not affected and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.

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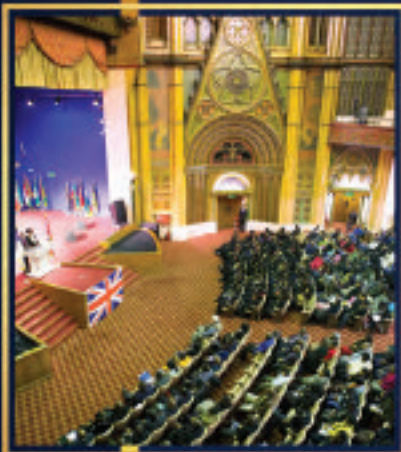
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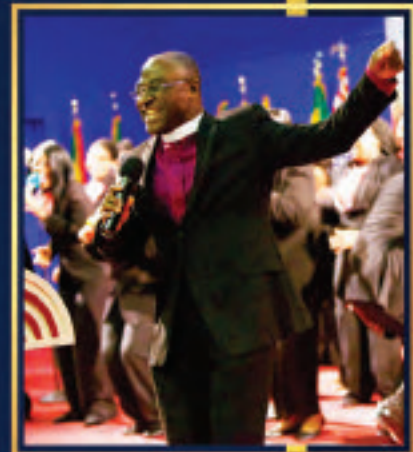


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Stock up safely for Christmas

CHRISTMAS is coming and it's tempting to splash out for those extra special gifts. Greenwich Time offers some advice to help make sure residents get value for money so they can enjoy a safe and stress-free festive season.

If a bargain looks too good to be true, then it probably is.

That's the message from the council's trading standards team who are warning residents to be aware of what they are buying – in the shops or online.

There has been a 12 per cent increase in the number of counterfeit and sub-standard electrical goods coming into the UK – and the traders know what's on everyone's 'favourites' list.

From mobile phones and digital games to hair straighteners and even e-cigarettes, always beware of fakes. Counterfeit goods often contain

faulty parts that can cause products to overheat and even catch fire – and if you buy a fake that goes wrong, it can be impossible to return it to the seller.

Cllr Jackie Smith, cabinet member for community safety and environment, said: "We're all looking for a bargain at this time of year but the best advice is to stick to reputable traders, on the high street and online. That way your consumer rights are ensured and you can enjoy Christmas without having to worry."

If you bought something that has turned out to be unsafe and caused damage

the law says you have a right to claim a remedy – such as a repair or replacement – from the trader who sold you unsafe goods.

It's always best to give your Christmas lights a good check when you get them out after a year in storage.

Look out for loose wires, broken bulbs and any other damage which may cause them to over-heat and pose a danger on the Christmas tree. And remember never to use lights outside unless they are specially designed for that purpose.

For more information contact the royal borough's trading standards team on 020 8921 8223 or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/tradingstandards



THERE are specific regulations about selling new toys and they should always have the name and address of the manufacturer as well as the CE mark which guarantees a toy is safe.

There should also be labelling to ensure safe use, for example, it should say if it is unsuitable for children under the age of three.

The council's trading standards officers recently had to advise a trader to stop selling the toy caterpillars (pictured) on the internet as they did not have suitable labelling.

SPOT THE FAKE: check products and the labelling



Top five checks to avoid a fake Christmas

TOP five checks to avoid a fake Christmas

- Check the reviews: use online review websites to find out what people are saying about products and sellers. Try www.buyagift.co.uk
- Check the seller: look for their contact details and ensure there is a full address, not just a PO Box number. Not all websites with a .co.uk address are based in the UK.
- Check the price: do a price check on products – if it is markedly cheaper than you would expect, alarm bells should ring.
- Check the purchase process: look for websites that allow you to pay safely – these have a padlock symbol on your screen when you are filling in your payment. Also ensure there is a returns or complaints procedure should you be unsatisfied.
- Check the product: when it arrives, firstly check for damage or loose wires, then check the voltage is 230V, 50Hz (the UK's usual domestic voltage) and that

they are fitted with a three-pin UK plug or charger. If you have any suspicions about a product's safety, or if you think it is a fake, do not use it.

● Contact the royal borough's trading standards team on 020 8921 8223 or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/tradingstandards



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Applications to join are welcomed from people regardless of their credit history and they are encouraged to make regular saving to prevent future debt. Loans can be used to help pay off debts from high cost lenders or credit cards.

The credit union also has a special Christmas savings account which members use to spread the cost of Christmas over the year to avoid getting into debt. It is currently

working with the council to provide financial support for people who have been adversely affected by the government's welfare reforms. As well as budgeting advice, it offers help with money management and small loans. Debt advice is also available at local Citizens' Advice Bureaux.

● Find out more at www.gbcreditunion.org or call 020 8855 4344.



Life and debt decisions

IF someone offers to lend you money but is not keen to hand over any paperwork or proof of their credentials, you could be dealing with a loan shark.

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The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) wants to hear from anyone who has come across loan sharks or knows about their activities.

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Festive shopping thieves

WHILE you are busy concentrating on your shopping lists be aware of your own belongings as pickpockets welcome this busy time of the year.

Thieves are opportunistic and they will take any chance they have to get something for nothing. Recent research by the Nationwide building society showed that thieves snatch goods worth an average of around £190 each time they pick a pocket or bag, with mobile phones, cash and cards being the main targets.

Often people don't even realise they have been targeted until they get home – and although they won't be physically hurt there is all the upset of cancelling cards, making insurance claims (if they are even insured) and losing all those precious photos and contacts on the phone.

There is some simple advice from the Met Police that can stop pickpockets in their tracks:

- if your bag has a zip or a clasp, keep it fastened when you're out and about
- carry your Oyster card or travel ticket separately to avoid flashing your wallet or purse unnecessarily
- always be aware of your surroundings, especially when using your phone in public
- make sure your phone is locked with a PIN or code and install a tracker app in case it's stolen.
- For more crime prevention tips search on #saferchristmas




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SOME Christmas classics are lined up at Blackheath Halls this month. Dance company Let's All Dance brings its children's production of The Nutcracker on Sunday, December 13 with two performances at 1.30pm and 4pm. Running for just 45 minutes, it is an ideal introduction to ballet for youngsters. The last of this year's lunchtime recitals by the Friends of Blackheath Halls has a programme of festive Baroque music including Arcangelo Corelli's Christmas concerto No. 8 in G minor and Noel pour les Instruments by Marc-Antoine Charpentier.

Admission to the concert on Monday, December 14 at 1.10pm is free although donations to the Halls are invited.

Community groups gather together for a Christmas concert on Friday, December 18 when the Halls' classical youth choir will be launched with the Royal Borough of Greenwich Music Hub.

The evening's programme includes performances by Blackheath Halls Chorus, Blackheath Halls Gospel Choir, Meantime Jazz Orchestra and the Multi-Story Orchestra.

Tickets cost £15, £12 and £5 for under-12s.

For details about all the events or to book tickets visit www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/blackheath-halls or call 020 8463 0100.

Wilton Road festive market

SANTA, reindeer and a festive-themed market will greet visitors to Abbey Wood's Wilton Road on Sunday (December 6) from 10am - 2pm for 'A Very Abbey Christmas'. The event will include 12 stalls selling food and gifts with craft activities for children - from making cupcakes and Christmas baubles, to face-painting. Young people can make a free visit to Father Christmas in his grotto and see live reindeer. The market in the car park of the Abbey Arms Public House is supported by both the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Bexley Council, as part of an improvement programme for the high street at Wilton Road, funded by both council's and the London Mayor's High Street Fund.

To host a free stall contact Sally Williams, 07889 173101 or sally@retailrevival.org.uk

Santa makes a special entrance

FATHER Christmas arrives at the East Greenwich Pleasaunce for an afternoon in his grotto on December 13 when visitors can enjoy community carols, mince pies and mulled wine.

The annual event is organised by the Friends of East Greenwich Pleasaunce with The Bridge centre - and they are appealing for volunteers to help make the day a success.

Last year Santa sailed into the park in a dinghy but this year's arrival is a closely guarded secret so make sure you don't miss it - the fun starts at 1pm with a performance by Halstow Community Choir at 2pm.

Entrance to the grotto is free but timed tickets will be given out.

The Pleasaunce is in Chevening Road, Greenwich.

For details visit www.thebridgegreenwich.co.uk or if you can help on the day email thebridgeSE10@gmail.com or call the centre on 020 8858 8114.



GO shopping in Woolwich Town Centre this weekend and you'll find it hard not to get in the groove as you get those early Christmas presents in the bag.

As well as performances in the streets, musicians will be singing and playing in different shops, restaurants and even the library.

The Streets festival is being held on Friday and Saturday, December 4 & 5 and is part of an initiative to celebrate and inspire an interest in local high streets. It's also forms part of the council's Woolwich Winter Warmer events taking place during the festive season.

Friday's attractions include family jazz sessions with Juliet Kelly, who gives an introduction at Woolwich library to some of the classics from across the decades and with a lunchtime performance at the Coffee Lounge at Equitable House.

Smitty's Big Parade, with jazz from New Orleans, Paris and Cuba, starts in General Gordon Square at mid-day and later in Powis Street from 2pm, and you can catch their sidekicks, Smitty's Big Four, playing swing at venues including the British Heart Foundation shop.

High street shops will host pop-up performances on both days from artists such as Ranjana Ghatak and a range of local artists.

Saturday sees performances on the Winter Warmer stage in General Gordon Square by Basement Jaxx vocalist Brendan Reilly, Brazilian jazz percussionist Adriano Adewale and

To enter a listing email greenwichtime@outlook.com or call 020 8921 5916

Details of more events at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/whatson

..... ABBEY WOOD

Alexander McLeod Primary School Christmas fair with family fun including pony rides, food stalls, tombolas, carol singing by the school choir and a festive grotto on December 5, 11am-2pm at the Fuchsia Street school.

..... SHOOTERS HILL

Christmas craft fair at Shrewsbury House Community Centre, Bushmoor Crescent, including wild science show exploring the world of mini beasts and creepy crawlies, December 6, 11am-3pm. Free entry to craft fair, £3.50 for wild science show. Donations of bottles, gifts, confectionery etc welcome for fair. Tel: 020 8854 3895, visit www.shrewsburyhouse.org

..... GREENWICH PARK

The Friends of Greenwich Park Christmas concert at the bandstand on Sunday, December 6 with music from local schoolchildren performing as the

Laraine Clay goes shopping to bag some festive...

Musical retail therapies



JAZZ FOR US: youngsters enjoy a jazz workshop, far right, singers Brendan Riley and Juliet Kelly will be making an appearance

the New York Brass Band.

Tuba player Oren Marshall leads jazz for toddler sessions for ages two to five at the library where Brendan Reilly will also lead a "Serious Sing" in the morning for those wanting to develop their singing skills

Swedish jazz singer Cecilia Stalin rounds up the international theme of The Streets with performances at town centre venues from 4pm.

The ever-popular lantern-making workshops will be held in the library on Saturday from 11am, with the last session at 2.30pm before the actual Woolwich Winter Warmer lantern parade along Powis Street from 4.30pm.

All the performances are free full details at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk /[thestreets](http://thestreets.london) or www.thestreets.london



WHAT'S ON

Greenwich Steel Band and Choir. Starts at noon for one hour.

ROYAL HILL

Greenwich Dance Presents a Christmas cabaret with dance, circus and music at The Borough Hall, December 11 & 12, 8pm both days and 3.30pm Saturday. Tickets £12, £9 concs. Tel: 020 8293 9741, visit www.greenwichdance.org.uk

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WOOLWICH

Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre, Beauty and the Beast, The Tramshed, Woolwich New Road, for children 5-plus. Public shows on December 5, 12, 19 & 20 with BSL signed show December 12. Visit www.glypt.co.uk DJ Mark hosts a Tramstastic Night on December 4, 7-10pm. Tickets, on the door £2. Tel: 020 8854 1316.

GREENWICH

Red Riding Hood is Greenwich Theatre's tenth anniversary pantomime and runs until January 10. Times and dates of performances vary - visit www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk or call 020 8858 7755.

CHARLTON

St Luke's Church Christmas fair, December 5, from 1.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, The Village. Tel: 020 8856 7373.



NEW developments in the royal borough, and over the river in Docklands, have been recorded in pen and colour wash drawings by Greenwich artist Peter Kent. He has spent the last year charting the changing face of the area with three panoramic artworks, annotated with historical snippets. Entitled *The Birth of London's Newest City*, they open at The Greenwich Gallery this Friday, December 4. Each picture measures almost 2 feet by 3 feet and is drawn from a different view

overlooking the Greenwich Peninsula and the Isle of Dogs in Tower Hamlets. For the exhibition they are being used as enlarged prints of more than twice the size - and will be for sale in different sizes. The exhibition runs until December 23 and is open daily from 9am-5.30pm on weekdays and 12-4pm at weekends when the artist will be in the gallery to chat to visitors. For more information visit www.thegreenwichgallery.com

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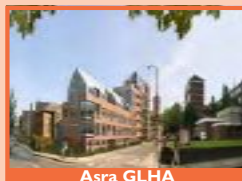
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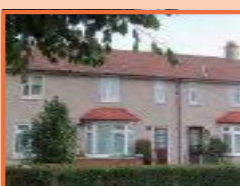
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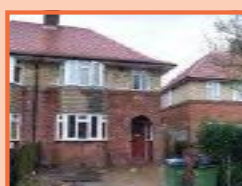
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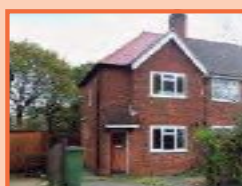
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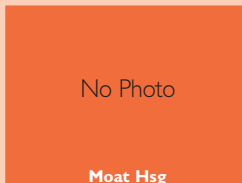
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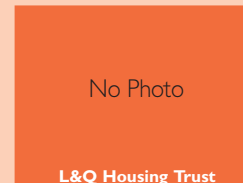
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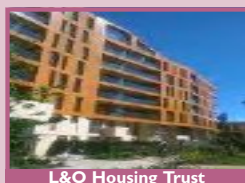
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To avoid getting an unwelcome bill,
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- Repair any damage caused to the property by you, your family or visitors to your home.
- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

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For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team on: **020 8921 2941** or email: housing-allocations@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 467

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Alnwick Road SE12 9BT	3	PARLOUR HSE	630	03/10/2005	A
Clothworkers Road SE18 2PD	1	FLAT	333	07/10/2011	C
Bayeux House Springfield Grove SE7 7TS	2	FLAT	327	23/03/2015	B1
Arsenal Road SE9 1JS	3	HOUSE		withdrawn	
Manning Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 0BJ	2	FLAT	194	12/08/2010	C
Tedder Lodge Dowding Drive SE9 6AT	1	FLAT	470	12/01/2013	B1
Dawson Close SE18 7LP	2	HOUSE	657	24/01/2005	A
Acworth House Barnfield Road SE18 3TW	1	FLAT	390	14/09/2011	C
Hornfair Road SE7 7BG	3	HOUSE	605	31/07/2000	A
Winchester House Portway Gardens SE18 4PH	0	FLAT	203	12/01/2012	C
St Margarets Terrace SE18 7RW	2	HOUSE	627	13/09/2008	C
Kingsground SE9 5EU	2	FLAT	480	29/04/2015	B1
Casterbridge Road SE3 9AH	0	FLAT	280	14/09/2011	C
Warner House Russet Way SE13 7ND	2	FLAT	217	07/08/2015	B1
Whitby Road SE18 5SE	3	HOUSE	523	22/07/2013	A
Marmadon Road SE18 1EA	2	FLAT	428	16/04/2015	B1
Kidbrooke Park Road SE3 0LW	2	FLAT	428	05/07/2013	B1
The Oaks SE18 7JS	2	FLAT	218	19/10/2009	C
Arthur Grove SE18 7ES	1	FLAT		withdrawn	
Clendon Way SE18 7DS	2	MAISONETTE	385	01/05/2015	B1
Keeble Close Wrotesley Road SE18 3UA	0	BUNGALOW	187	15/07/2012	C
Kenya Road SE7 7BJ	3	PARLOUR HSE	684	13/07/2009	A
Tickford Close SE2 9BJ	3	HOUSE	497	01/08/2005	A
Sovereign House Europe Road SE18 5QN	2	FLAT	236	27/08/2015	B1
Granby Road SE9 1EH	1	FLAT	418	07/02/1990	A
Moir Road SE9 1SJ	2	FLAT	355	26/07/2014	B1
Flat 1 Gallions View Road SE28 0DD	1	FLAT	442	30/04/2008	C

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Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 8.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:

Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT

Also at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning> or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 01/12/2015

Mike Hews - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: Directorate of Children's Services LAND TO THE NORTH OF THE JUNCTION BETWEEN MILLENNIUM WAY & JOHN HARRISON WAY, GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10 Development: Construction of a new all-through school, associated playground and sports areas, hard and soft landscaping and planting, service areas, cycle and car parking provision, for the expansion of St Mary Magdalene School. Reconsolidation in proposed amendments. Library: Greenwich Centre Library, 12 Lambourde Square, Greenwich, SE10 9GB Applicant: Ms C O'Meara BUJ Architects OGILBY HOUSING SOCIETY SITE, WELLINGTON STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6PS Development: Demolition of the five existing 2 and 3-storey residential blocks and redevelopment of the site to provide a new single block of between 9 storeys and 15 storeys containing 124 homes comprising: 43 x 1 bed, 52 x 2 bed, 28 x 3 bed, 1 x 4 bed units, together with associated cycle parking, car parking, highway, and landscaping. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Applicant: Mr Mark Cade Meridian QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, STADIUM ROAD, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 4QH Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Applicant: Mr Alessandro Verdenelli 5 ARSENAL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1JS Development: Formation of a lot, conversion including the creation of a rear deeper window. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Anchery Road SE9 1JH Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE Applicant: Mr A Balls 37 MAIDENSTONE HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8SY Development: Demolition of an existing single storey rear extension and the construction of a two storey rear extension including the re-building of the existing wall and enlargement of existing basement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH Applicant: Mr & Mrs Obiorah 68 BEACONSFIELD ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7LG Development: Erection of a first floor side extension over existing attached garage. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK Applicant: Mr K Turnbull 94 LANGTON WAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7JU Development: Installation of 2 rear and 1 front walls and light. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH Applicant: Mr C Di Popolo 44 WHINNYATES ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 6NN Development: Conversion of left space to form an additional bedroom, comprising of 1 front and 2 rear rearlights. Re-submission. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Anchery Road SE9 1JH Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE Applicant: Mrs Atkinson 110 WESTCOMBE PARK ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7RZ Development: The erection of a two storey rear extension and removal of the existing single storey rear extension. Re-submission. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH Applicant: Mr & Mrs Flynn 8 EGERTON DRIVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8JS Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension at basement level projecting 3.6m into the garden. Two dormers to the rear roof slope. Re-positioning of front rearlight for fire escape. Re-Submission. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN Conservation Area: BARNBURNHAM TRAMWAY	15/1910/F	Applicant: Mr Steve Butcher 65 BEACONSFIELD ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7LG Development: Enlargement to an existing basement patio area with ground floor side extension and associated internal and external alterations. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK Applicant: Mr B Holden DEVELOPMENT SITE REAR OF 202 BURRAGE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 Development: Prior notification is sought for the change of use from storage (B8) to residential (C1). (Amended Description) Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area: PLUMSTEAD COMMON Applicant: St Lukes Parochial Charities 1 ST LUKES ALMSHOUSES, FAIRFIELD GROVE, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8UQ Development: Internal and external renovations including replastering, and installation of two new windows. Library: Greenwich Centre Library, 12 Lambourde Square, SE10 9GB Conservation Area: CHARLTON VILLAGE Applicant: CTEL and Vodafone Ltd MERIDIAN HOUSE, ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8NN Development: Replacement of 3 antennas, equipment cabinets as well as auxiliary development including the addition of 1 handrail and 6 remote radio units. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8BN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH Applicant: Mr Abdul Aziz Blue Line Property Ltd FORMER SITE OF GROVEBURY HALL, GROVEBURY ROAD, ABBEY WOOD, LONDON, SE2 9YA Development: Construction of 19 units comprising 8 x 3-bed units, 5 x 2-bed units and 6 x 1-bed units over four storeys with onsite car parking, cycle stores and bin stores. Library: Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JJ Publicity for Listed Building Consent	15/3549/F	15/3567/PW2	15/3586/F	15/3613/F	15/3621/F	15/3377/L	15/3533/L	15/3614/L
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Club is 'trying' to recruit them young

by Dick Townsend-Smith

AFTER celebrating England's recent hosting of the Rugby World Cup, an historic royal borough club is making giant steps to inspire the next generation of rugby enthusiasts.

Blackheath Rugby Club, which was founded in 1858, is the oldest open rugby club in the world, and can almost trace its roots back to the birth of the game.

The club runs a programme taking rugby into local primary schools – an average of five a year. Youngsters are taught the game, starting with tag rugby, with pupils at Heronsgate, Invicta, St Thomas More, Charlton Manor, Horn Park and Brooklands primary school playing on both their own school grounds and at Blackheath's

Well Hall ground in Kidbrooke Lane, Eltham.

Club chairman Russell Ticehurst explained: "Greenwich and south-east London is not known as a traditional rugby area, which means we have to work twice as hard. We want to have a reputation as a club that can be enjoyed by the many rather than the few, and we want to let everyone know where we are. We are trying to offer something different with rugby. It's a very physical game, and there is lots of fun to be had.

"The kids enjoy it, both boys and girls. It's a good community thing – we want to be recognised as a good sporting influence, with all the good values that rugby offers. All the teams are mixed, and we start with tag rugby, which is fun and the equivalent to five-a-side football, with lots of running about. There's no technical coaching and it's not formal –



WITH THE PROGRAMME: a school team celebrates at the end of a competition thanks to funding by academy partners Scotia Bank

that comes later. The children can wear trainers or boots, and we have an all-weather playing surface."

The club is now looking for additional sponsorship. "We need a partner to come in and help us deliver more of the good things that we are doing in the borough. We get fantastic support from Denise Hyland, the council leader,

and her team. They have introduced us to individual schools and headteachers. At Well Hall we are trying to offer more and more sporting facilities to the borough in the same way that Charlton Athletic does."

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